## Florida Senate - 2007

By Senators Webster and Fasano

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida Transportation
3	Commission; amending s. 20.23, F.S.; requiring
4	the commission to monitor transportation
5	authorities and conduct periodic reviews of
б	each authority; prohibiting a member of the
7	commission from entering into the day-to-day
8	operation of a monitored authority; providing
9	an effective date.
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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13	Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of
14	section 20.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
15	20.23 Department of TransportationThere is created
16	a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized
17	agency.
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19	(b) The commission shall have the primary functions
20	to:
21	1. Recommend major transportation policies for the
22	Governor's approval, and assure that approved policies and any
23	revisions thereto are properly executed.
24	2. Periodically review the status of the state
25	transportation system including highway, transit, rail,
26	seaport, intermodal development, and aviation components of
27	the system and recommend improvements therein to the Governor
28	and the Legislature.
29	3. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the annual
30	department budget request, the Florida Transportation Plan,
31	and the tentative work program for compliance with all
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1 applicable laws and established departmental policies. Except 2 as specifically provided in s. 339.135(4)(c)2., (d), and (f), the commission may not consider individual construction 3 projects, but shall consider methods of accomplishing the 4 goals of the department in the most effective, efficient, and 5 6 businesslike manner. 7 4. Monitor the financial status of the department on a 8 regular basis to assure that the department is managing revenue and bond proceeds responsibly and in accordance with 9 law and established policy. 10 5. Monitor on at least a quarterly basis, the 11 12 efficiency, productivity, and management of the department, 13 using performance and production standards developed by the commission pursuant to s. 334.045. 14 6. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the factors 15 causing disruption of project schedules in the adopted work 16 17 program and recommend to the Legislature and the Governor 18 methods to eliminate or reduce the disruptive effects of these factors. 19 7. Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature 20 21 improvements to the department's organization in order to 22 streamline and optimize the efficiency of the department. In 23 reviewing the department's organization, the commission shall determine if the current district organizational structure is 2.4 responsive to Florida's changing economic and demographic 25 development patterns. The initial report by the commission 26 27 must be delivered to the Governor and Legislature by December 2.8 15, 2000, and each year thereafter, as appropriate. The 29 commission may retain such experts as are reasonably necessary to effectuate this subparagraph, and the department shall pay 30 the expenses of such experts. 31

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